SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1906.

HOTEL FIRE TAKES LIVES OF EIGHT

Several Miss Fire Escapes and Leap From Seventh Floor.

BRAVE FIREMAN GIVES LIFE TO SAVE WOMAN

Awful Scenes Enacted in Blaze on Upper Floors Minneapolis Hotel.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 10.-Eight persons are dead from suffocation or from leaping from windows and a score of people were or less injured as the result of a fire in the West hotel early this morning. Dead.

CAPT. JOHN BERWIN, of truck No. I, fell from the fourth floor to the Fifth street sidewalk, was attempting to save Mrs. Barlow's life at the time. W. G. NICKELS, Minneapolis chamber commerce, suffocated in his room on

the sixth floor. THOMAS SUMMERVILLE, Springfield, Mass., suffocated in his room on the sixth

floor,

J. E. WOLF, New York: suffocated in
his room on the seventh floor.

LINTON B. LAMME, New York;

approximately in his room on the seventh

J. B. PEISNIGER, New York; jumped from the seventh story window. MRS M. E. HODGES, Minneapolis; jumped from the seventh story window. WILIJAM BLACK, New York; suffo-

Injured.

The seriously injured are:

MR AND MRS SAMUEL SPIESBERGER, Chicago; overcome by smoke.

MARY ROWAW, maid at the hotel,
overcome by smoke.

N. S. AMSDEN, superintendent Minneapolis & Northorn elevator company; seriously burned.

GORDAN G. SAPP, Chicago; overcome
by smoke.

y smoke BEN W. SWISKY, Chicago; overcome

by smoke
MRS, B. D. BARLOW, Los Angeles,
injured while being rescued by Capt. John
Berwin; condition critical.
ALICE LARSON, maid at the hotel; injured by jumping from the fifth floor of
the hotel to roof of Unique building.

Fire Is Insignificant.

The fire, which is supposed to have been caused by crossed electric wires, was in itself insignificant, being confined to the elevator shaft and the top floor in the corner of the building, but the wild excitement which followed the first alarm hurried people into the halls and out upon window ledges in a frantic attempt to save themselves. The financial loss will not exceed \$10,-

Captain's Brave Act.

Capt. John Berwin, who lost his life in saving the life of Mrs. E. D. Barlow of Los Angeles, was one of the first of the firemen to climb into the burning building. Ascending to the seventh floor on a scaling ladder, he stumbled upon the unconscious form of Mrs. Barlow. The aged woman had groped her way to the stairway only to succumb to the smoke.

Supreme Effort Last.

Strapping the ilmp body to his back, Berwin pushed out onto the window ledge to carry his burden down the ladder. Be-tween the seventh and sixth floors the step broke. Bending over to balance the step broke. Bending over to balance the body of the woman a moment, the fireman leaned forward at the risk of his life, and gathering himself for a supreme effort, hurled the woman toward the projecting ledge on the floor below.

Mrs. Barlow had been revived by the cold air, and she grasped the projection and held on. In making the throw Capt. Berwin lost his balance and was dashed to his death on the payement. Mrs. Barlow was rescued by another fireman.

Guests on Window Ledges. wakened by the ringing of the alarm bells in their rooms, the guests, who numbered in all about 700, rushed wildly about seeking safety. Those on the upper floors were driven back into their rooms by the smoke which filled the hallways and when the firemen arrived they were greeted by cries for assistance from scores of men and women who, scantily clad, were shivering on the window ledges.

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Smoke was pouring out around them and soon two men were compelled to leap to avoid the flames. Both were killed. One of them has been identified as J. B. Pelsinger, a traveling salesman from New

Woman Horribly Mangled.

Miss M. E. Hodges, a guest, sought a gre escape, but having opened the wrong window on the seventh floor, she was driven to step off the ledge. Her body was horribly mangled.

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J. E. Wolfe, 50 years old, traveling representative for a New York firm, met a horrible death. He was burned in his foom and the condition of the furniture indicated that he had fought the flames until the last. All the clothing had been torn from the bed and it was apparent that the man had sought to smother the flames which eventually consumed him.

The following is a correct list of the dead in the fire: dead in the fire

Misses Fire Escape.

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The first to jump was Miss Hodges. She ran from her own room in the rear to a window on the side where she thought she would find the fire escape. In her excitement she opened the wrong window, but feeling confident that the fire escape was there, stepped out. She stopped on the ledge a moment, rubbing her face as though completely blinded by the smoke, then took a step into the air and was gone. She fell into the narrow runway, on a level with the basement, and her body was crushed to a puip.

Men. Make Same Leap.

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Almost at the same time two men opened other windows and evidently making the same mistake as the woman, leaped into the brick-paved alley meeting instant death. One was Pelsinger, the other Block.

Doctors Hurry to Fire.

All of the hospitals sent their ambulances to the fire to carry the unconscious guests to the hospitals. The patrol wagons were also called out and carried several persons to the hospitals. Physicians who has on of the fire hastened to the hotel and offered their services.

L'addoubtedly many lives were saved by their efforts.

Nurses Give First Aid. The hospitals also sent a corps of nurses friends by m

NEW POINT ARISES IN THE HAZING CASES

Charge of "Encouraging and Countenancing" Makes the Middies Shy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 10.-After an attempt lasting over an hour to arrive at exact conclusions as to how far an upper class man could be compelled to testify as to his knowledge of hazing inidents in a case in which another midcidents in a case in which another mid-shipman is under trial upon the charge of "encouraging or countenancing haz-ing," the court-martial now engaged in the trial of Midshipman Stephen De-catur, Jr., at the Naval Academy, ren-dered no decision and adjourned until to-morrow, when the Judge Advocate is ex-pected to inform the court in the matter. New Point Comes Up.

The point came up after Midshipman Petterson B. Marzoni had objected to answering questions as to hazing which it is alleged had gone on before him. In the former court-martial of Midshipman Decatur, Marzoni testified that he was present when Fourth Classman Gaylord Church was hazed by being compelled to do the "loth" and that Decatur was present.

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Proof of active participation in hazing was necessary to fix that charge. In the present trial, however, "encouraging or countenancing hazing" is charged and it is claimed that no midshipman who was actually present, particularly a first class man, could testify without incriminating himself.

Testify to Meals.

Fourth Classman Chester S Roberts was the first witness for the prosecution today Midshipmen Howard H J Benson, Charles C Mailler, Robert E Thornton and Thomas B Richey followed and testified about meals which had been brought to Decatur by lower class men.

PRIOR FIRM SUSPENDS

Checks Fail to Pass Since Suicide of Member.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 10.—Formal announcement of the suspension of the firm of Denison, Prior & Co., Investment bankers and brokers, was made on the floor of the Cleveland stock exchange this morning. This action was taken as a result of a large number of the firm's checks being thrown out by the banks, who hold that since the death of L. W. Prior, who committed suicide yesterday, the checks could not pass the clearing-house.

house.
It is said that the banks hold ample funds and securities to provide for all claims against the firm.

Secretary Wade of the Cleveland stock exchange sale concerning the suspension:

Is a Mere Technicality.

"On looking over the records I find that their business on this exchange is abso-lutely clean and their failure on this ex-change is a mere technicality of abiding by the rules."

GRAND JURY IS SWORN

Will Investigate Cattle Rustling in Washington County.

Washington County.

Special to The Tribune.

BOISE, Ida, Jan. 10—Judge Smith of the Seventh Judicial district has issued a call for a grand jury for Washington county. Attorney B. S. Varlan of Weiser is to take charge of the grand jury work as Assistant County Attorney. The principal work the jury will have to do will be the Investigation of cattle and horse stealing in that county. Jurymen have been drawn and are now being served.

State fair directors say that if Ada county does not levy a naif mill tax for fair purposes there will be no State fair this year.

CARRIES STRAW MEN

Such Is Charge Against Clerk in Great Northern Office.

MINOT, N. D., Jan. 10.—George H. Smith, a clerk in the Great Northern railway division superintendent's office here, is under arrest charged with carrying "straw men" on his pay rolls.

The local officials for some time have suspected some one was "padding." Bogus time checks aggregating more than \$250,000 have been located but the specific charge against Smith concerns a check made out to Fred Kelly for \$38, which was presented for payment by Smith last menth.

Smith had charge of making up all time.

month.

Smith had charge of making up all time vouchers issued from the superintendent's office. He avers his innocence.

REPRIEVE FOR MRS. TOLLA

Woman Sentenced to Death Gets Stay of Thirty Days.

TRENTON, N. J. Jan 10 - Mrs. Tolla, un-der sentence of death for murder, was today granted a reprieve a thirty days by Gov. Stokes Mrs. Quackenboss a New York lawyer, appeared before the Board of Pardons in Mrs. Tolla's behalf Mrs. Jesse B. Portion of Cincinnati was here with petitions containing 131,000 names.

were kept busy for several hours after the fire had been checked. Miss Gladys Mable, whose grandmother Capt Berwin sacrificed his life to save, said:

Fireman Gave His Life.

"A man took my grandmother and then another fireman came and got me. He had a long rope which he tied tightly about me, under my arms and around my waist, and let me down out of the front window. It was an awful sensation to be dangling in the air at the end of a line, seven stories above the stone sidewalk. My rescuer finally let me down in safety onto the balcony of the hotel, just above the first floor, from where it was an easy matter to get down. an easy matter to get down

Rescued by Ladders.

Frank A. Chamberlain, president of the Security bank, with his wife occupied rooms on the eighth door. Ladders were not long enough to reach the windows of their rooms and be and his wife were rescued by means of pompler ladders. Makes Dash Past Flames.

John A. Hogarty, manager of 'The Darling of the Gods' company, made a deah past the flames and smoke and escaped unharmed. T. K. Chalgon of New York was terribly burned about the face and hands while crawling through a long hall. He finally reached safety by means of a fire escape at the rear, a block from his room.

Red Lights Invisible. He and others said the red lights indi-He and others said the red lights indi-cating the fire escapes were rendered in-visible by the smoke, and the guests were almost helpless in their search for exits. More than a score of them were carried down fire escapes and ladders by firemen, and not a few lowered themselves and friends by making ropes of bedclothing and cortains.

THE HAND GOT BURNT



The Hierarchic Hand That Handed Out Its Choice for U. S. Marshal for Utah Got Scorched.

IS THREATENED

Senator Receives Anonymous Letters Bearing Postmark of Idaho Town.

SINCE STEUNENBERG'S DEATH IS TAKING NOTICE

Friends Think the Authorities Should Find Out Who Is Making Threats.

Special to The Tribune. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.-It was learned today that Senator Heyburn of Idaho has been receiving anonymous letters threatening his life, which bore an Idaho postmark. Congressman John C. Chaney of Indiana, who was attorney for Governor Steunenberg when he appeared before a Congressional investigation committee, has also been threatened in the same manner. Neither pald much attention to the missive until after the assassination of Gov. Steunenberg.

Are Showing Concern.

Senator Heyburn and his friends are beginning to show some concern over the matter and believe that the idaho authori-ties ought to take decided steps to ascer-tain who is writing the threatening let-ters.

WEDDED HUSBAND'S NURSE Ceremony Too Soon After Divorce,

Bigamy Is Charged.

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SAN FRANCISCO Jan 10.—Florence O. Elliott-McMahon, who married her insane husband's nurse. Charles N. McMahon, in Portland, Or. recently, was charged with bigamy this afternoon A warrant for her arrest was issued by Police Judge Cabaniss, at the instance of A. G. Rockell, former business associate of Mrs. Elliott. Circuit Judge Hunt today set aside the interlocutory decree of divorce obtained by Mrs. Elliott from her husband, John Elliott, who is now an inmate of the State hospital for the Insane. The law of California requires that one year must elapse from the signing of the interlocutory decree before either party to the divorce can remarry. divorce can remarry.

GRAVE FEARS FOR FIELD

Serious Change Reported in Millionaire's Condition.

NEW YORK, Jan 10—While no official statement could be obtained from the physicians, it was rumored tonight that a grave change had taken place in the condition of Marshall Field of Chicago, who is ill at the Holland house in this city. Dr. James, the attending physician, late tonight summoned in consultation Dr. E. ded consultation.

Field earlier in the day was said suffering from a severe cold.

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Senate in accutive session today confirmed the following neminations;
Frank Frantz, Governor of Oklahoma; Herbert J. Hagermann, Governor of New Mexico;
Charles E. Wolverton, District Judge, Disbert J. Hagermann, Charles E. Wolverton, District Judge, Dis-trict of Oregon, Registers of Land Offices—Alpha E. Hoyt, at Sundance, Wyo., Frederick W. Daniels, at Buffalo, Wyo. Postmusters—California—James E. Scott, Ione Idaho—John F. Cook, Jr., Bonner's

FIREBUGS TRY TO BURN CANON CITY ZINC PLANT

Citizens Are up in Arms Over Repeated Attempts to Fire the Town.

CANON CITY, Colo., Jan. 10.-The attempt tonight to fire the big zinc smelter here, a \$2,000,000 plant, makes the fifteenth attempt at incendiarism in Canon City in the past two weeks, and convinces the citizens that an organized gang of firebugs is trying to burn the town. Three men were seen running away from the smelter and were fired upon by guards,

Ignite Pile of Rubbish.

pile of combustible material had been placed inside the building and ignited, and had the man succeeded in getting away unseen, no doubt the fire would have gained such headway before being discovered as to have made it impossible. covered as to have made it impossible to extinguish it before great damage had

Greene Not Yet Decided.

SAVANNAH, Gs., Jan. 18.—Upon the convening of the Federal court today A. A. Lawrence, of counsel for Greens and Gaynor, reaumed his argument in support of the piea in abatement offered by the defense yesterand 1942, respectively, claiming that complete act is not extraditable.

Says Offense Is Fraud

Mr. Erwin said the Government contends that there was a conspiracy to defraud and that this was put into operation and that the putting of this fraud into operation constituted fraud and was herefore extraditable. There were specified offenses, too, in the indictment, one consisting in the presentation for payment of fraudulent security. of fraudulent accounts.
"Were they extradited for conspiracy?"
asked the court.
Mr. Erwin replied that they had been extradited for participation in fraud with an ugent, this agent having been Capt. Carter.

Argument of Defense.

Upon the conclusion of the argument of Mr. Erwin, P. W. Meldrin, leading counsel for the defense, followed in support of the contention that the defendants could not be brought back to the United States from Canada upon one charge and then tried upon another one. Before Mr. Meldrin had concluded his argument an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

Convict Woman of Murder.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10—A jury in Judge Smith's court yesterday found Mrs. Vir-ginia B. Troupe guilty of murdering her husband. The penalty was fixed at four-teen years in the penilentiary. The ver-dict was received after hours of delibera-tion.

Mrs. Troupe was accused of murdering her husband. William C. Troupe, the night of August 9, 1905, in their house. The shooting is supposed to have taken place during a quarrel after both had been spending the evening in a saloon. Wants Another Federal Judge. HELENA Mont. Jan. 16.—The Montana Barassociation this afternoon adopted a resolution indorsing United States Senator Thomas H. Carter's bill providing an additional Federal Judge for Montana. The association, however, takes the ground that the bill should not prayide for the division of the State into two Federal court districts, and recommenda that change in the proposed measure.

Heavy Snow in Kansas. TOPEKA, Kan. Jan. 10.—The heaviest snow-storm since last February commenced at 9 of clock and late tonight is general over cast-ern Kansas, coming from southeast. Tempera-tures are not severe. Rallroad traffic is un-interrupted.

FEAR ATTEMPT TO RESCUE ORCHARD

Special Inspections of Near-By Militia Companies Are Being Made.

SUSPICIOUS STRANGERS DROPPING INTO TOWN

Preliminary Hearing Is Postponed; Startling Evidence Is Claimed.

gained such headway before being discovered as to have made it impossible to extinguish it before great damage had been wrought.

Town Up in Arms.

The town is up in arms, and patrols of citizens and hired guards are on durnightly. Electric lights have been strong through alleys and in outlying districts to aid in guarding property.

ARGUMENT STILL ON

Abatement Plea for Gaynor and Greene Not Yet Decided.

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 10.—Fred Miller, the Spokane attorney who went to Caldwell to take up the defense of Orchard, alias Hogan, in the Steumenberg murder case, asked postponenent of the preliminary examination and the prosecution has granted the request. It will probably not be held for a week.

Attorney James J. Sullivan of Denver, who, went to Baker City on Monday, is again in Caldwell and last night he held a long conference with Miller. Orchard's attorney. Many here and at Caldwell look upon Sullivan as a scout in the interest of Orchard and believe that he is there to help defend the prisoner. BOISE, Ida., Jan. 10.-Fred Miller, the

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Capt. Swain of the Spokane detective agency declares he is gathering evidence of a startling nature which he will produce at the proper time. The most important evidence against Orchard will not come out at the preliminary, being reserved for the trial. Only enough evidence will be introduced to hold the prisoner to the next term of court.

It is rumored that, owing to the fact that many strange men have been dropping into towns around Caldwell, there have been special inspections of the near-by militia companies to determine if everything was in readiness in case it should become necessary to call, them everything was in readiness in case should become necessary to call it out to prevent the rescue of Orchard his friends. The Sheriff at Caldwell his friends. The Sheriff at Caldwell was asked if buildings could be had there in which to house troops in case it should be necessary to send them.

Fear Attempt at Rescue.

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Ever since it was learned that Orchard was wanted for blowing up the depet at Independence. Colo, it has been feared that his sympathizers might try to rescue him from the Caldwell jail. Many have felt that a sudden descent upon the town of Caldwell in the night by a band of desperate men, well armed and supplied with material to blow open doors and looks might result in getting the prisoner off before sufficient force could be mustered to successfully cope with the invadors.

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Attorney Sullivan will leave tonight for Denyer, after spending most of the day with Miller Orchard's attorney. Miller was permitted to have a private interview with Orchard today, owing to the fact that he is considered an idaho practitioner, although a resident of Spokane. The law prohibits a private interview between a prisoner and a non-resident lawyer but Miller has legal business in north idaho, hence the interview.

New Detective Arrives.

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James McFarland appeared here this evening from Denver. He is in conference with the Governor this evening. It is the understanding that the famous detective was asked here to give advice in the situation and assist in arrangements for eniarging the force of men at work so that the alleged conspiracy may be run down in all its ramifications. The Governor is determined that nothing shall be left undome that could contribute toward solving the problem and placing every guilty man in custody.

Nothing is being given out respecting the work of the detectives. It is understood they have been working on some missing link and it is intimated they have closed the chain, but on this point there is no official information.

EXPECT YET TO WIN STATEHOOD FIGHT

Insurgents Are Not Signing the Pledge so Numerously as Expected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.-Opposition among the Republican members of the House to the Hamilton Joint Statehood bill seems to be making little headway The leaders of the insurgents have pre pared a pledge for the signature of Republicans who will vote to defeat a rule preventing amendments to the Hamilton bill. This was freely circulated today among the opponents of joint Statehood and is now said to bear forty-five signa-

Twenty Are Undecided.

About twenty Republican members are undecided on the Statehood fight, and the struggle to win them by the opposing factions is waxing hot. The insurgents have not yet had an opportunity to sign the pledge and claim that they will readily obtain more than sixty names. Administration supporters declare the total strength of their opponents is not much more than forty.

Anyious to Dalay.

Anxious to Delay. An urgent deficiency bill will be ready for the consideration of the House in a few days and it is now expected that this bill will be laid before the House immediately before the Philippines tariff bill has been disposed of as the leaders are said to be anxious to delay the Statehood bill until Speaker Cannon is more certain how the Republican members stand on the measure.

MRS. CHADWICK LOSES OUT Appeal for a New Trial Denied by

Federal Court.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 10.—The motion for a rehearing of the appeal for a new trial on behalf of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick of Cleveland was denied in the United States Court of Appeals in this city today.

The Court of Appeals several weeks ago sustained the Judgment of the District court of Cleveland, O., which found Mrs. Chadwick guilty of conspiring to wreck a National bank, and sentenced her to serve ten years in the Ohio penitentiary. The petition for rehearing maintains that the charge of conspiracy was not borne out by the evidence.

Not Prepared for Appeal. CLEVELAND, Jan. 10.-Francis Ving of counsel for Mrs. Chadwick

Wing of counsel for Mrs. Chadwick he was not prepared to say at this time whether the case would be carried to the United States Supreme court. AGREE ON HEPBURN BILL

Republican Members House Committee Support It.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Bepublican members of the House Committee on Intertate and Foreign Commerce, in a conference this afternoon, agreed to support the Hepburn airroad rate bill, with a few modifications, which were agreed on and which relate chiefly to court precedure. These modifications were taken from the prayisions of the Esch-Townrend bill and are in the nature of a compronise with the supporters of the measure. The
committee will report the bill to the House
next Friday.

Hepresentative Townsend of Michigan, au-thor of the Townsend bill, which was consul-dated with the Esch bill and passed at the last session, it is announced, will make the opening speech in the House in favor of the Hepburn bill.

Democrats Offer Substitute. It is planned to bring in a rule on the Hep-burn bill when it is considered in the House so as to prevent amendments except on the first day of the debate. The Democrats, how-ever, are to be permitted to offer a substitute on which they can go on record. This course, it is pointed out, is the same as was fol-lowed with the Esch-Townend bill, when the Democrats submitted the Davey bill. The Republican members of the committee expressed the opinion today that the debate in the House probably will continue not over a week.

UNCLE SAM TAKES A HAND Contention Between Southern and

Western Pacific Now in Court. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.-The con

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The contentions between the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific railroads were transferred to new legal ground today. Attorneys acting for the Southern Pacific applied to United States Circuit Judge Morrow for writs of injunction against the Western Pacific and the American Dredging company. Judge Morrow granted temporary injunctions, made returnable at an early day.

The writs direct the Western Pacific to stop laying railway track on United States property and order the dredging company to cease pumping mud on Federal territory. The papers were served shortly before dusk. The foreman of the track layers said he would read the document when he had time and his men continued work until 6 p. m., the usual hour for quitting. The dredgers, which have been operating day and night, ceased work immediately.

The writs are practically similar to those issued in the State curts, and which were not recognized by the dredging company and the Western Facific, because they claimed to be engaged on Federal ground. It was to cover this contention that the new writs were asked for

EIGHTEEN MEN HELD UP

Lone Highwayman Loots Saloon in Heart of Butte. secial to The Tribune

BUTTE Mont, Jan. II.—Eighteen men were held up by a lone highwayman in he Thompson saloon almost in the heart of the city, at about 2:39 o clock this norning, the bandit securing \$18. The of the city, at about 2:20 o clock this morning, the bandit securing 118. The robbery was the nerviest in the history of the city, the daring robber commanding the big crowd before him as he would a single victim. Every man was compelled to aboot his hands skyward and face the wall while the bartender was forced to turn over the contents of the cash register, which the bold-up coolly pocketed, growling at the smallness of the plunder. Shouting good-night, he backed out of the door and disappeared.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Franklin Moore, employed in the pension office forty-two years, died here today aged 85 years. He came to Washington from Leadville, N. L., where he was for some time spinctful of the academy there being succeeded in that position by Ellihu Root, the present Secretary of State. One of Mr. Moore's pupils was former Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage.

Overseers Discuss Football.

BOSTON. Jan 19.—The football reform ques-tion was discussed today at length by the board of overseers of Harvard. At the conclu-sion of the meeting the only statement made was that the matter had been considered. Former Gov John D. Leng, presided. Among those who came here especially for the meet-ing was Overseer Semuel Hill of Scattle.

WITTE MAKES A STRAIGHT TALK

TWELVE PAGES—FIVE CENTS

Tells a Delegation Why Harsh Measures Are Deemed Necessary.

MODERATES FAILED TO HELP WHEN THEY COULD

Puts Blame Largely on Them for Excesses of the Revolutionists.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10, 1:40 p. m .-Premier Witte today made an interesting statement to a delegation headed by the Mayor of this city, which requested a relaxation of the orders of the Prefect of Police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign. The Premier could not promise to do anything until after January 22

Regards Them Essential.

While personally he did not sympathize with the harsh measures of Interior Minwith the harsh measures of Interior Min-ister Durnovo, he regarded them as es-sential. The Premier could not assume the responsibility for a course which if it resulted in bloodshed would make him a scapegoat. He spoke bitterly of the fail-ure of the Moderates to give the Govern-ment support, saying that upon their shoulders largely rests the burden of com-pelling the Government to resort to re-pression. He added:

Blames the Moderates.

"The Emperor, in the manifesto of October 30, at one stroke granted the people more rights than any monarch had ever before given, but you know the attitude which Russian society assumed. The Government's appeals for confidence were rejected and every liberty granted was abused by the revolutionists. The permission to hold meetings was translated into license for street disturbances and assemblages to plot against the life of the Government and to the industrial ruin of the country.

Round to Save Puesie. Bound to Save Russia

Isound to save Russia.

I have always been opposed to repression, but the attitude of the Moderates compelled me to adopt harsh measures. I am determined to save Russia.

While the Emperer wanted the National assembly to meet as early as possible. Premier Witte said that those charged with the election feared it will be impossible for it to assemble before April 28. Moscow Revolt Serious Speaking of the innumerable difficulties with which the Government was confronted, the Premier openly stated that many of the previncial suthorities continued to act independently, instancing Moscow, where before the revolt neither the Governor-General, the Governor nor the Prefect informed him of the conditions prevailing there. He said the Moscow

tions prevailing there. He said the Mos cow revolt was more serious than peopl generally believed. Recounting a remarkable incident that heretofore had escaped notice, the Pre-

One Catastrophe Averted. "At one time all the stations except the Nicholas depot were in the hands of the revolutionists. The latter, in desperation, started a train, hauling two cars loaded with dynamite, at full speed for the station, with the intention of blowing it up. A frightful disaster was averted by a timely warning of the plot, which enabled the authorities to have a military train, with steam up, ready on a parallel track. As the dynamite train arrived, solders from the military train running alongfrom the military train running along-side fired at the end and managed to pierce the boiler of the locomotive, stop-ping the train before it reached its des-tination."

Tells of New Laws. Tells of New Laws.

In St Petersburg, the Premier further remarked, enough dynamite had been captured to destroy the entire city. In conclusion, he stated that two laws were being prepared to define the relations of the Council of the empire and the National Assembly. The former would be composed of 175 members, half of them appointed by the Emperor and half elected. The latter would include thirty-four Zematvoists, eighteen members of the nobility and twelve representatives of trade and industry, while the clergy. Peland, the Caucasus and the border provinces would each have six representatives.

Kept List of Land-Owners. It is rumored that the revolutionists are keeping a list of land-owners who have fied or are fleeing abroad, with the intention. If the revolution is successful, of confiscating their estate. The news from Trans-Caucasia is that a complete revelution prevails in Mingrelia and Georgia. The Viceroy is withdrawing all the troops attainable north of Vladikavkas for service in the revolutionary territory

BAND IS ANNIHILATED.

Dragoons Give no Quarter to Attacking Revolutionists.

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MITAU Courland, Jan. 19.—A squadron of dragoons which was ambushed near Hazenpool, losing two men killed and four wounded, received reinforcements later and surrounded the revolutionists. No quarter was given and the revolutionists, numbering eighty-nine in all, were killed to the last man.

A band of fifty revolutionists made a daring raid on Livenhoff, with the object of obtaining medicines and bandages for the revolutionists in the field. They carried off two Jewish merchants and held them for a heavy ransom, which was paid.

BODY LEFT ON TRACKS Evident Attempt of Thugs to Complete Bloody Work.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 10.—Evidently the victim of thugs, an unidentified man was found lying in an uncontrious condition across the Salt Lake railroad tracks, east of the Macy street bridge today, with several lacerations of the scalp. Robbyry is said to have been the motive for the deed.

deed.

While the police have no clues upon which to work, they are satisfied that the deed was that of highwaymen, who, after believing their victim dead, threw his body across the tracks to be mangled by the first train that entered the city.

Underwriters Close Meeting. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.-The thir SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The thirtieth annual meeting of the Fire Underwriters association of the Pacific came to to a close today. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted with the choice of F. B. Kellam as president, Arthur M. Brown vice-president and Calvert Meade was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the tenth year.